

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont is blessed with abundant lakes and streams, including Lake Champlain, a world-renowned, international fresh-water ecosystem of great beauty and significance; and

WHEREAS, Vermont citizens rely on clean surface waters as sources of drinking water and for recreation, including swimming, fishing, boating, and more; and

WHEREAS, clean water is critical for the health of wildlife and the ecological systems of the Green Mountain State; and

WHEREAS, the stormwater, wastewater and drinking water systems in communities around Vermont are the first and most critical protections and barriers against water pollution to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, the stormwater, wastewater and drinking water systems and the staff that operate them 24/7, 365 days a year are public servants dedicated to protecting public health and the environment and deserve the understanding and support of the Vermont citizenry; and

WHEREAS, wastewater treatment facilities and drinking water treatment facilities around the state will host simultaneous open houses and offer tours on May 27, 2016 (list of sites and times available at www.gmwea.org), so that Vermonters can learn about this vital, but hidden infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2016 as



WATER QUALITY DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this day 7th of March, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor